

Annual Fall Landscape Extravaganza Scheduled For Oct. 7

Yorktown, Aug. 9—"Creating a Colorful Fall and Winter Landscape While Looking Ahead to a Glorious Spring" will be the theme of the **2006 Fall Landscape Extravaganza** sponsored by the Virginia Cooperative Extension-York County Office, to be held on Saturday, Oct. 7, at St. Joan of Arc Church, 9041 George Washington Memorial Highway in Yorktown.

Orientation begins at 8:50 a.m., and classes begin at 9 a.m. The event is free and is open to the public. Registration can be made by e-mailing ex199@vt.edu or by calling the VCE-York County Office at 890-4940.

October is the perfect time to evaluate your garden in many aspects. You can see what worked and what didn't as the foliage and grass begin their dying off process. This is the perfect opportunity to spend a few hours learning how to color your world. Fall is also the ideal time to plant bulbs or shrubs that will provide not only color in winter but also will feed birds. Window boxes and containers hold great promise for winter color. There are many ways to enjoy color through all seasons, and the topics being presented will arm you with the knowledge you need to get started.

Those attending the event will have their choice of participating in two of the six classes being offered:

- Winter Blooming Wonderland: Extending the Season With Color
- Think Spring in the Fall: Planting Bulbs, Corms, Rhizomes and Tubers for Spring Excitement
- A Berry, Berry Winter: Feeding the Birds and Your Senses
- Winter Ensembles: Creating Window Boxes and Containers Using Cold-Tolerant Combinations

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- Lawn Care For the Dormant Season: What Your Lawn Needs Now to Weather the Winter
- The Dirt on Soil Improvement: Methods for Overcoming Poor Soil

The speakers will target plants that grow well on the Virginia Peninsula. The goal of the Fall Landscape Extravaganza is to provide practical, useful information for homeowners, and to provide it via experts who have created the kind of wonderful dream garden scenes you see on the covers of magazines. This is a popular event and seating is limited, so early registration is strongly advised.

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